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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

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RAFAEL DELGADO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, and EIGHT  
UNKNOWN CHICAGO POLICE OFFICERS

Defendants.

**05C 7176**

**JUDGE MANNING**

**No.  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE KEYS**

**COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND**

RAFAEL DELGADO, plaintiff, complains of defendants CITY OF CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS, EIGHT UNKNOWN CHICAGO POLICE OFFICERS, and states as follows.

**Jurisdiction**

1. This complaint alleges violations of the plaintiff's rights under the fourth and  
fourteenth amendments to the United States Constitution and title 42, United  
States Code §1983; therefore jurisdiction of this court is invoked pursuant to title  
28, United States Code §1331.
2. This complaint alleges violations of plaintiff's rights under state law and  
jurisdiction of this court is invoked pursuant to its supplemental jurisdiction under  
title 28 United States Code §1367.

**Parties**

3. At all times relevant hereto, the plaintiff was a 19-year-old Hispanic resident of  
Franklin Park, Illinois.

4. At all times relevant hereto, the defendant officers, whose identities are currently not known to plaintiff, were police officers for the City of Chicago and were acting under the color of the law and within the scope of their employment.
5. Defendant City of Chicago is a municipal corporation existing under the laws of Illinois.

**Venue**

6. The violations alleged herein occurred in the Northern District of Illinois; therefore venue is proper in this district pursuant to title 28, United States Code §1391.

**Factual Allegations**

7. On the evening of August 3, 2005, at approximately 1:00PM, plaintiff Rafael Delgado was driving to his friend, Noe Semintal's house, 2438 Westbrook Dr., Franklin Park, Illinois with two other people. At this time plaintiff Delgado was acting in full conformity with all laws, statutes, and ordinances of the United States, the State of Illinois, and the city of Chicago.
8. When the plaintiff arrived at his friend's home, he, the passengers of his car, and three friends convened in the front yard.
9. At this time, six marked and unmarked Chicago Police vehicles assembled outside Semintal's home. Approximately 8 defendant officers exited the vehicles and pointed guns in the plaintiff's direction.
10. The defendant officers ordered everyone to put their hands up and lie on the ground. The plaintiff and his friends complied.

11. At this time, one of the defendant officers grabbed the plaintiff and pulled him inside the house and into a bedroom where another defendant officer was waiting. The plaintiff informed the defendant officers that he did not live at this address and the officers responded by beating him about the head and body with excessive and unnecessary force and calling him a "Gangbanging motherfucker."
12. After one minute, one of the defendant officers pulled the plaintiff off of the floor and said "Now you've learned your lesson," and punched him in the head again.
13. The defendant officers then threw the plaintiff in the corner of the room and told him to clean up his blood with a towel.
14. At this time the defendant officers grabbed the plaintiff, illegally searched him and put him in handcuffs, and led him outside where his friends were still lying on the ground.
15. Another defendant officer who had not been in the bedroom with the plaintiff, taunted the plaintiff saying, "Let me take a picture of that pumpkin head," and took a picture of the plaintiff with a cellular phone camera.<sup>1</sup>
16. The defendant officers then took off everyone's handcuffs and threatened the plaintiff with further violence if anyone were to get off the ground before all of the officers were gone. No arrest of the defendant or anyone else present at the scene was made.
17. The defendant officers, acting under color of law by virtue of their positions as Chicago Police Officers, in violation of the plaintiff's rights under the Fourth and

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<sup>1</sup> "Pumpkin head" is a slang term referring to one's head swollen in such a way that it resembles a pumpkin.

Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution wrongfully and unreasonably seized, battered, searched, and arrested plaintiff Delgado.

**Count I—42 U.S.C. §1983**

18. Plaintiff Delgado re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully repleaded herein.

19. On August 3, 2005, the defendant officers arrested the plaintiff without a warrant and without probable cause. This arrest was in violation of the plaintiff's rights secured under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States.

20. The defendants used excessive physical force against the plaintiff and unlawfully and maliciously arrested him without any legal right to do so, in their official capacity as law enforcement officers, under color of state law, and acting within the scope of their employment.

21. During the arrest of the plaintiff, two of the defendant officers used excessive and unnecessary force in violation of the plaintiff's rights under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States.

22. As a direct and proximate result of this illegal arrest, excessive force, and unlawful search, the plaintiff has suffered extensive damages, including but not limited to: severe physical and emotional harm, medical and other out of pocket costs, and other damages which will be proven at trial.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Delgado prays judgment against the defendants in a fair and just amount sufficient to compensate him for the injuries suffered, plus, plaintiff Delgado seeks a substantial sum in punitive damages against each of the defendant officers, costs

and reasonable attorney fees, and all such other relief as this Court finds just and equitable.

**Count II—Battery**

23. The plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully repleaded herein.
24. Jurisdiction of this court is pursuant to its supplemental jurisdiction under title 28 United States Code §1367.
25. Two of the defendant officers maliciously, willfully, wantonly, and without lawful justification or authority caused violent physical contact to the plaintiff. Additionally, these defendant officers knew with reasonable certainty that their actions would cause the plaintiff physical harm.
26. The officers acted as employees of defendant City of Chicago and within the scope of their employment when he forced the plaintiff into the house, beat and punched him repeatedly about the face and body, threw him to the corner of the room, and forcefully handcuffed him, without provocation given by the plaintiff.
27. The plaintiff suffered injuries as a result of said intentional battery including acute bruising and swelling of his head and side, a severe nosebleed, and a black eye.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Delgado prays judgment against the defendants in a fair and just amount sufficient to compensate him for the injuries suffered, plus, plaintiff Delgado seeks a substantial sum in punitive damages against each of the defendant officers, costs and reasonable attorney fees, and all such other relief as this Court finds just and equitable.

**Count III—False Arrest**

28. The plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully repleaded herein.

29. Jurisdiction of this court is invoked pursuant to its supplemental jurisdiction under title 28 United States Code §1367.

30. The arrest and detention of plaintiff Delgado was caused by the defendants without any warrant, without authority of the law, without any reasonable cause or belief that plaintiff Delgado was in fact guilty of a crime, without exigent circumstances, and without any other legal justification.

31. The defendant officers were acting within the scope of their employment and within the rules and customs of the Chicago Police Department when they falsely arrested the plaintiff under color of state law.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Delgado prays judgment against the defendants in a fair and just amount sufficient to compensate him for the injuries suffered, plus, plaintiff Delgado seeks a substantial sum in punitive damages against each of the defendant officers, costs and reasonable attorney fees, and all such other relief as this Court finds just and equitable.

**Count IV – Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress**

32. The plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully pleaded herein.

33. Jurisdiction of this court is invoked pursuant to its supplemental jurisdiction under title 28 United States Code §1367.

34. The defendant officers' detention, battery, and unlawful search and seizure of the plaintiff were committed with intentional disregard for the plaintiff's innocence, and amount to extreme and outrageous conduct against the plaintiff.

35. The defendant officers intended to inflict severe emotional distress upon the plaintiff and knew that there was a high probability that their conduct would cause the plaintiff severe emotional distress and mental anguish.

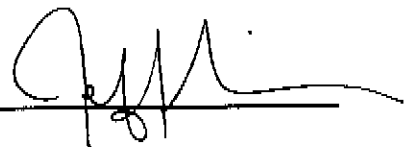
36. The defendants handcuffed and arrested the plaintiff in full view of his peers, causing him embarrassment and humiliation. The defendants intentionally instilled fear and terror into the mind of the plaintiff by forcefully arresting him and beating him without lawful justification and without reason to believe he had committed a crime.

37. One of the defendant officers caused the plaintiff further severe emotional harm by taunting the plaintiff after being beaten, and taking a picture of the plaintiff for his own amusement.

38. As a direct and proximate result of the defendant officers' malicious, outrageous, willful, and wanton conduct, the plaintiff has suffered extensive damages, including but not limited to: severe physical and emotional harm, medical and other out-of-pocket costs and other damages which will be proven at trial.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Delgado prays judgment against the defendants in a fair and just amount sufficient to compensate him for the injuries suffered, plus, plaintiff Delgado seeks a substantial sum in punitive damages against each of the defendant officers, costs and reasonable attorney fees, and all such other relief as this Court finds just and equitable.

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